India – Manipur Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)



FACT SHEET

The India – Manipur GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components India could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The India – Manipur GYTS was a school-based survey of students in standards 8-10, conducted in 2001. A two-stage

cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Manipur. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 84.3%, and the overall response rate was 84.3%. A total of 1743 students participated in the India – Manipur GYTS.

Prevalence

21.6% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 31.8%, Female = 9.8%)

61.7% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 74.4%, Female =47.2%)

15.8% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 24.9%, Female = 5.6%)

46.7% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 51.1%, Female =41.9%)

38.4% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

33.0% think boys and 30.3% think girls who smoke or chew tobacco have more friends 62.2% think boys and 30.2% think girls who smoke or chew tobacco look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

59.1% usually smoke at home

84.3% buy cigarettes in a store

88.6% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Environmental Tobacco Smoke

78.0% live in homes where others smoke

82.0% are around others who smoke in places outside their home

32.5% think smoking should be banned from public places

23.8% think smoke from others is harmful to them

39.7% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

21.6% want to stop smoking

12.0% tried to stop smoking during the past year

25.5% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

58.6% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days

89.9% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days

47.1% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers and magazines, in the past 30 days

20.4% have an object with a cigarette brand logo

4.7% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

16.3% had been taught in class during the past year about the dangers of smoking

13.3% had discussed in class during the past year reasons why people their age smoke

15.5% had been taught in class during the past year the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 62% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 16% currently smoke cigarettes; 47% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is very high almost 8 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke; 8 in 10 are exposed to smoke in public places.
- 1 in 4 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- 1 in 3 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Almost 6 in 10 students saw antismoking media messages in the past 30 days; 9 in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards in the past 30 days; almost 5 in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers and magazines in the past 30 days.